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January 25, 2007

VIA REGULAR MAIL

Vinus Patel, D.O.
10972 North Cloud Dancer Court
Oro Valley, AZ 85737

RE: Letter of Concern, Case No. 3772

Dear Dr. Patel,

At their meeting on January 20, 2007, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") conducted a review of the above-referenced complaint. Based on the information presented, the Board found there was insufficient evidence to conclude that your conduct constituted unprofessional conduct or to support direct action against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this advisory LETTER OF CONCERN pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 32-1855 (D) (2). The Board was concerned that you failed to properly supervise a physician assistant and may not have provided adequate patient follow up which could ultimately lead to violations of A.R.S. § 32-1854 (6), (34) and (38) which state:

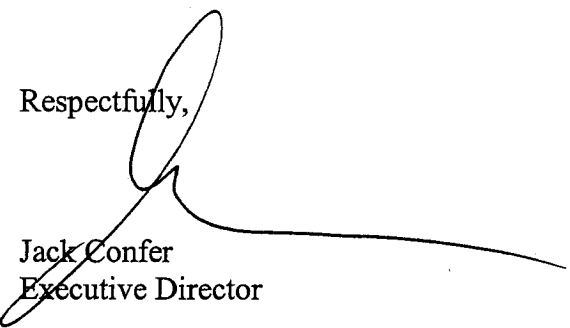
- (6) Engaging in the practice of medicine in a manner that harms or may harm a patient or that the board determines falls below the community standard;
- (34) Lack of or inappropriate direction, collaboration or supervision of a licensed, . . . health care provider . . . employed by or assigned to the physician in the medical care of patients; and
- (38) Any conduct or practice that endangers a patient's or the public's health or may reasonably be expected to do so.

In addition, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855 (D) (3), the Board mandated completion of twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education in the area of infectious and pulmonary disease and treatment to be completed within six (6) months of the date of this letter. Please be advised that this CME shall be in addition to that normally required and shall be approved by the Executive Director prior to completion.

This Letter of Concern and Order for CME are non-disciplinary actions that remain part of the public record of your license for five years from the date of issuance (January 20, 2007). During those years it will be provided in response to requests for copies of your license file or verifications of license status, including being posted on the Board's website. It also may be cited in future actions against your license. Because it is not a disciplinary action, it is not reported to the National Practitioner Data Base or Health Care Integrity and Protection Databank. Based on the information presented, the Board found that there were no violations of state law or rule directly related to the complaint.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Jack Confer
Executive Director

JC/s

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